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Electrification of Remote/Backward Areas
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has since taken any steps for electrification of villages situated in backward and remote areas of the country through new and renewable energy sources;

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the details of funds released by the Union Government to various States/UTs during the last three years; and

(c) the present target of the Union Government to electrify villages in backward and remote areas of the country through new and renewable energy sources and the details of the steps to be taken to achieve it?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER,
COAL, NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MINES

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (c) : Under Decentralized Distributed Generation (DDG) of Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY), electricity access is provided to all the villages/habitations where grid connectivity is either not feasible or not cost effective including those situated in backward and remote areas of the country. This includes mini grid and standalone system.

Subsidy of Rs.246.84 crore was disbursed under DDG during the last three years i.e. 2014-15, 2015-16 & 2016-17. The State-wise details are furnished at Annexure.

Under DDG, 4,220 projects have been sanctioned with the project cost of Rs.1354.60 crore, in various States across the country, as on 30.6.2017. All the remaining unelectrified villages are targeted to be electrified by May, 2018.

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